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ADVANCE FOR A.M.'S SUNDAY, OCT. 14  
NIGHT LEAD DONOVAN

(EDITOR'S NOTE: JAMES B. DONOVAN, THE NEW YORK LAWYER IN CHARGE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH FIDEL CASTRO FOR THE RELEASE OF 1,113 CUBAN INVASION PRISONERS, IS AN EXPERIENCED CLOAK AND DAGGER NEGOTIATOR. A SKETCH OF HIS CAREER FOLLOWS.)

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BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL  
NEW YORK, OCT. 13 (UPI)--JAMES B. DONOVAN IS A MASTER AT QUIET DIPLOMACY.

HE ARRANGED THE EXCHANGE OF U2PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS FOR RUSSIAN SPY COL. RUDOLF IVANOVICH ABEL.

HE IS THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. SENATE SEAT HELD BY NEW YORK REPUBLICAN SEN. JACOB K. JAVITS, AND THIS CREATED A HIGHLY UNUSUAL SITUATION.

PERHAPS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF POLITICS, A SENATOR HAS HAD TO BE BRIEFED BY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ON THE DOINGS OF HIS OPPONENT.

WHILE JAVITS SHOOK HANDS WITH VOTERS ON THE SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK, DONOVAN SHOOK HANDS WITH CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO AND NEGOTIATED WITH HIM ON THE RETURN OF 1,113 PRISONERS CAPTURED DURING THE ABORTIVE BAY OF PIGS INVASION.

THE CIA KEPT JAVITS BRIEFED ON DONOVAN'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH CASTRO. INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE IS NOTHING NEW TO THE SOFT-SPOKEN SILVER HAired LAWYER.

DONOVAN SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II ON THE PERSONAL STAFF OF MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM J. DONOVAN (NO RELATION) THEN DIRECTOR OF THE TOP SECRET OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES.

DONOVAN HAD ANOTHER ENCOUNTER WITH INTRIGUE WHEN HE DEFENDED ABEL IN COURT WHEN THE RUSSIAN COLONEL WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE.

DEFENDING ABEL WAS NOT A PLEASANT JOB. DONOVAN AND HIS FAMILY SUFFERED SUBTLE AND OPEN VILIFICATION DURING THE TRIAL. ABEL WAS CONVICTED IN 1958 AND SENT TO PRISON FOR 30 YEARS. DONOVAN DONATED HIS \$10,000 FEE TO THREE LAW SCHOOLS.

WHY DID HE TAKE THE UNPOPULAR CASE:

"IF THE FREE WORLD IS NOT FAITHFUL TO ITS OWN MORAL CODE, THERE REMAINS NO SOCIETY FOR WHICH OTHERS MAY HUNGER," SAID DONOVAN.

HE ARRANGED THE SWAP OF THE RUSSIAN SPY FOR THE AMERICAN U2 PILOT FOUR YEARS LATER.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY PRAISED DONOVAN'S ACTION IN BRINGING POWERS BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

"SO FAR AS I AT AARE," THE PRESIDENT TOLD DONOVAN, "THE TYPE OF NEGOTIATION YOU UNDERTOOK, WHERE DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS HAD BEEN UNAVAILABLE, IS UNIQUE AND YOU CONDUCTED IT WITH THE GREATEST SKILL AND COURAGE."

DONOVAN RECEIVED THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S DISTINGUISHED INTELLIGENCE MEDAL FOR THE EXCHANGE.

THE 46-YEAR-OLD LAWYER WAS ASKED BEFORE LEAVING FOR CUBA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AUGUST WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS HARDER--THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS OR THE FREEING OF POWERS.

"THE TOUGHEST JOB I HAVE IS EARNING A LIVING," HE SAID WITH A GRIN.

DONOVAN EARNS HIS LIVING AS A PARTNER IN THE WALL STREET AREA FIRM OF WATTERS AND DONOVAN.

HE WAS BORN IN NEW YORK CITY ON FEB. 29, 1916, AND WAS GRADUATED FROM ALL HALLOWS INSTITUTE, FORDHAM COLLEGE AND THE HARVARD LAW SCHOOL.

HE MARRIED MARY ELIZABETH MCKENNA A BROOKLYN GIRL, IN 1941. THEY HAVE FOUR CHILDREN.

DONOVAN PLAYS GOLF IN THE 90'S AND COLLECTS RARE BOOKS AND ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS.

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